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RESPONSE TO IDS OF SEPT. 17, 2004

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1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on Sept. 17, 2004 was filed after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance on Aug. 25, 2004. The submission, which provides evidence that all the references listed on the accompanying Form 1449 were included in the IDS of Feb. 17, 2004 and were thus timely provided is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement has been considered by the examiner as noted in the attached initialed copy of the Form 1449.

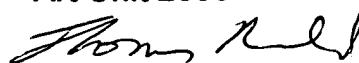
2. The status of the allowed claims has not changed.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tom Noland whose telephone number is (571) 272-2202. The examiner can normally be reached on weekdays from 9:00 to 5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Hezron E. Williams, can be reached on (571) 272-2208.

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